Adequate measures are being taken to provide safety and security to women patients as well as the workers in the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. Instructions are issued to Hospital Authorities from time to time to ensure the safety and security to all women patients and staff in the hospitals. The security arrangements are monitored by the designated officers of each of the hospitals. Instructions have also been issued to all State Governments to provide adequate protection to all women patients and staff in their hospitals.

Cardio Vascular Health and Menopause

3973. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women in India are rapidly losing their cardio vascular edge over men particularly after menopause;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent heart troubles among women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, women in all countries have lower cardiovascular risk prior to menopause, in comparison to men. This advantage disappears over time, after menopause. The rising prevalence of obesity, leading to Diabetes, increase in consumption of tobacco and sedentary life style further contribute to reduction if any in gender-related advantage after menopause. Health awareness and education campaign have been carried out as these are lifestyle practices.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also initiated steps to obtain 'in principle' approval of the Planning Commission to start a National Programme on prevention of Cardio Vascular Diseases.

AIDS monitoring by NACO

3974. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per report of CAG, in the four years of project period i.e., 1999-2003 NACO has been able to utilise only Rs. 444

crore (46 per cent only) out of a available credit of Rs. 959 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) considering the spread of reported and unreported AIDS/HIV cases in our country, what steps are being taken to monitor the performance of NACO and ensure effective utilisation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) As per Development Credit Agreement, world Bank is required to provide a soft credit of Rs. 959 crores (US $ 191 Million) as reimbursement of actual expenditure during the entire project period. To achieve the goal a provision of Rs. 875.76 crores was to be provided till March, 2003. However,due to budgetary resource constraints Rs. 681.29 crores only was made available to NACO out of which Rs. 680.29 crores were spent by NACO till March, 2003. Against this expenditure reimbursement of Rs. 442.57 crores was received from World Bank which was 65.06% of total expenditure of Rs. 680.29 crores.

Every effort is being made to claim full reimbursement of US $ 191 million by the end of the project.

(c) Following steps are being taken to monitor the performance of NACO and ensure effective utilization of funds:

- Advance annual plan discussion with each State/Municipal AIDS Control Society
- Review meeting with the States/UTs
- Effective monitoring through CIMS.
- Monitoring of utilization certificates and reimbursement claimed by the State Societies.
- Timely correspondence with the States and issue of instructions, guidance for implementation of the programme.
- Monitoring of procurement done by the States.
- Close monitoring of ART centers.

Monitoring of Training, IEC activities and blood safety measures.